



DARTS VICTORIA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Executive Members of Darts Victoria 2020

President	Andrew Coburn
Vice President	Karen Breneizeris
Secretary	Carolyn Gilbert
Treasurer	Megan Stafford
Women's Contest Director	Jenni O'Reilly

Committee Members of Darts Victoria 2020

State Coaching Director	RJ McCaw
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Senior Management Team

- Women's State Captain Teresa Cadby
- Women's State Manager Donna Kunz
- Men's State captain Steve Kewish
- Men's State Manager Henry Bajowski

Junior Management Team

- Girls State Captain Donna Barrington
- Girls State Manager Karen Konieczny
- Boys State Captain Paul Konieczny
- Boys State Manager Jordan Russell

Life Members of Darts Victoria

Marlene Gray (Dec)	Allan Hutchinson
Fred Jones (Dec.	Geoff Lewis (Dec.)
Vic Robb	Sheila Bolton
Brian Bigham (Dec)	Wendy Sinclair
Pauline Munday (Dec.)	Peter White
Geraldine Hutchinson	Lorrie Summerfield (Dec.)
June Sinclair	Wayne Weening
Steve Duke	George Barklem
Kelvin James	Ron Wilson
Veronica Wilson	Tracey Anderson
Lorraine Kunz.	

Darts Victoria Annual General Meeting
AGENDA
Sunday 7th February 2021, 11am
MDDA Club Rooms, Elliot Rd Dandenong

Time	Action	Agent
11am	Meeting Opened Welcome Present Apologies	Andrew Coburn
11.05am	Previous Minutes of AGM Dated; 2 nd February 2020 Moved Seconded	Carolyn Gilbert
11.10am	Business Arising of Previous AGM Minutes	Andrew Coburn
11.15am	Correspondence In Out	Carolyn Gilbert
11.20am	Reports Annual report Financial Report	Andrew Coburn Megan Stafford
11.30am	Nomination for Executive and Committee positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - 2-year term • Secretary - 2-year term • Men's Competition Director - 2-year term • Men's State Team Captain - 2-year term • Men's State Team Manager - 2-year term • Girls Captain - 2-year term • Girls Manager - 2-year term • Boys Captain - 1-year term • State Coaching Director - 1-year term • Registration Officer - 1-year term 	Karen Breneizeris
	General Business	
11.40am	AGM Date 2022	
11.42am	Delegate meetings 2021 = Attendance + Calendar	
11.45am	Governance Changes	
11.55am	Annual General Meeting Closed.	
12.30pm	Delegates Meeting to Commence at 12.30pm.	

**Darts Victoria Annual General Meeting
Sunday 2nd February 2020, 11am.
Geelong Darts Club, Johns St Corio.**

Present

President, Andrew Coburn. Vice President, Karen Breneizeris,
Treasurer Megan Stafford, Secretary Carolyn Gilbert,
Women's CD Jenni O'Reilly.

GDA; Shane Reeve, Mark Read.
GLDA; Cheryl Ballis, Annette Malone.
MDC; Brian Lawrence, Bernie Leckie
MDL; Bob Edwards, Kevin Bosward
MPDL; Nicky Holland, Dee Williams
SDL; Bill Fajwul
GDCSL; Scott McCreadie, Dot Warren
Life Members; Lorraine Kunz
Visitors; Henry Bajowski

Apologies None Tabled.

Meeting Opened by Andrew Coburn, 11.15am, welcoming all members present.

Previous Minutes of AGM, Dated; 3rd March 2019

Moved: MDL, Seconded: SDL

Business Arising of Previous AGM Minutes

- Andrews name spelt wrong!
- Page 1 - no items
- Page 2 – no items
- Entry forms for 6s
- Page 3 – no items
- Financial report - not attached with Annual Report but available via website which wasn't done, but 2020 will be up on our socials.

Correspondence

In Nominations for Executive and Committee positions, CAV statement reminder
Out AGM agenda, minutes and reports.

Annual report

- *Presidents report – Andrew Coburn*
 - disappointment re lack of attendance at delegates – Constitution says 4 a year and are in the calendar so hoping for a better turn out this year, including the governance gathering in May.
 - Darts landscape is changing and need your input and feedback. We are having new rules, regulations and ideas forced upon us from DA. GDA/GLDA and MDC to hang back for a chat. Changes in selecting the AUS team for 2020, but unsure.
 - Megan and Andrew went to AGM in Brisbane in November 2019 – all but one state present voted no to changes to the Australian team selection criteria– but they put in the changes anyway!
 - Not one player wanted it. DV to formulate a response to DA.
 - Tried to get contact with Dept Sport, sent a letter to discuss the opportunities for introducing Darts into schools, with the ultimate goal for DV to gain new players – but have had no response other than a confirmation of receipt
 - Thanks to you, our affiliates! DV is gifting 8 new boards to each affiliate – take them as you leave today. Yay!
 - DV has had 20 free standing boards made for use. They were used at Bendigo and Morwell and they handled the competition well. Pack up and set up was a breeze. DV have 4 more to come which will complete the set. If anyone needs freestanding boards for a tournament, please get in touch with DV exec
 - Darts connect – part of the grant money will purchase and set it up as very little financial assistance will come from DA. This will be discussed further during the Degeles meeting.
 - Financially sitting in a good position, the grant we have received will be used to get the game going and introduce the sport through schools, retirement villages, clubs etc., with a focus on female and multicultural engagement.
 - DV have an Over 50s event this year, in September at GDC, we would love to see players support this event and encourage engagement across all divisions of age and gender. Keep an eye out for more info and a flyer coming to you soon!
- *Vice President report – Karen Breneizeris – Nothing further to add.*
- *Secretary's report – Carolyn Gilbert - Nothing further to add.*
- *Financial report – Megan Stafford*
 - Audit report was received back on Thursday and haven't had a chance to unpack it, but as far as the accountant is concerned all is good.
 - It's been a Big learning curve as Megan took over the position halfway through the year but has done an amazing job!
 - Megan did a profit and loss statement for juniors. All the fundraising money went into a bank account and was used as required via an atm card instead of the petty cash system used in the past.
 - \$8270 raised in total. And after a refund back to the Parent Bodies and players, there is \$1000 left as seed funding for the 2021 Junior Championship Campaign.
 - The new atm card system worked really well and allowed both junior management team and the DV executive to have 100% accountability and transparency.
 - GLDA stated congratulations and Well done on a great job to Megan.

- Andrew stated he was pleased with the bank balance and the new systems being put in place and thanked Megan for her tireless work to straighten up the accounts and finances.
- *Women's Contest Director – Jenny O'Reilly*
 - Jenni stated her main thing is disappointment with low numbers at events.
 - With numbers dropping, now that there is DPA and soft tip coming in, we have our own tournaments and affiliates need to get your own players to support your own tournaments and events as well as each other's. We need to support each other, or we won't survive.
 - State tryouts now back to a RR, no longer in the 6s, players must nominate through their league, entries close 7 days before event.

Move: MDC, Seconded: SDL

Nomination for Executive and Committee positions

Vice President – 2-year term.

- GDCSL nominated Karen Breneizeris. Nomination accepted.

Secretary – 2-year term

- GDCSL nominated Carolyn Gilbert. Nomination accepted

Men's Competition Director – 2-year term

- No nomination received. No Nominations off the floor. Position vacant to be filled by DV Exec.

Women's Competition Director

- Nomination off the floor – GLDA nominated Jenni O'Reilly. Nomination accepted.

State Coach Director – 1-year term

- No Nomination received. Nomination taken off the floor from Megan Stafford for RJ Stafford, MDC. Nomination accepted.

Registration Officer – 1-year term

- GDCSL nominated Dennis Breneizeris. Nomination accepted.

General Business

- *AGM Date 2021*
 - AGM 2021 will be held on 7th February 2020 at a venue to be confirmed. Please note this is a tentative date and may change in accordance with the 2021 Calendar.
- *Delegate meetings 2020 = Attendance + Calendar*
 - Sunday 24th May – Governance gathering @ MDC.
 - Sunday 30th August – Delegates Meeting #2 @ SDL.
 - Sunday 22nd November – Delegates Meeting #3 @ MDDA.
 - Please advise any apologies via email to the DV secretary in a timely manner in the event the meeting has to be postponed, other affiliates can be notified asap.

- The Governance gathering will be a great opportunity for delegates to bring ideas, proposals and issues with the governance documents of Darts Victoria – please don't miss it.
- *Junior Re-Structure*
 - With so many changes going on in the darting world, Darts Victoria are being proactive and making some changes to the administrative management of some of our positions within our committee.

These changes will begin immediately with a goal to better facilitate the younger dart players coming up through our ranks.

Darts Victoria are restructuring the Junior Management Team to encompass a more circular, empowering approach between coach, management and player.

New position descriptions will be sent out to all affiliates within the coming weeks and Nominations for the Junior Management Team will be open from 24th February and close on 23rd March 2020 and can be sent to the Darts Victoria secretary email address via your parent body. DV exec will go through all received applications and notify the applicant and parent body of the outcome after 1st March 2020.

This new encompassed approach between coach, management and player will also be utilised across all divisions within Darts Victoria State representative teams.

Darts Victoria would like to thank the Junior Management team of 2020, being Donna Barrington, Karen Konieczny, Paul Konieczny and Jordan Russell for their role during the Australian Junior Championship campaign of 2020. Their assistance and support have been greatly appreciated.

Annual General Meeting Closed. 11.45am

Delegates Meeting to Commence at 12pm.



Presidents Report.

Andrew Coburn

Members, the year 2020 is one for all of us to put behind us.

Darts for us started with a big boost, the holding of the Victoria Classic in Morwell which was well attended in its return to Morwell for the first time in 3 years. A big thankyou from the DV Executive to the Latrobe Valley Council and Darts Australia for their support in making this happen. The event had been run previously through the Geelong Dart Club and we want to thank them for their support of this event

During this year, the playing of darts has been brought almost to a complete stop for all our affiliates, and for Darts Victoria itself. But this has not stopped the organisational side of the sport from forging forward. We have purchased the equipment required to run the Grand Prix events on the 'Darts Connect' platform, the first event was planned for Morwell in January, unfortunately with COVID-19 conditions, this tournament was not able to be held. The same thing happened with the Bendigo 5-a-side. We are extremely disappointed that these events could not be held, as this was to launch us back into a big playing year for Darts in Victoria in 2021.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the tireless work of the Executive Committee. The work that Karen Breneizeris, Carolyn Gilbert, Megan Stafford (McCaw) and Jenni O'Reilly has been amazing for the past few years. Each taking on facets of the sport that they had not been a part of previously. Their work in these areas has lightened the load on my role and I thank them all for their dedication to DV. Not all issues have been fun to deal with, but they have been taken on and completed.

Our coaching Director RJ McCaw has been getting onboard with the coaching side and we look forward to further input from RJ in the years to come.

The remainder of the coming year will turn up challengers for everyone in Darts, and no one knows what the year of 2021 will throw at us. With everyone working together to build the sport back up, it will be a challenge. But I am sure the Executive Committee and the playing members of darts in Victoria will make this a success.

In concluding this report, the Committee of Darts Victoria is the heart of the organisation, the members of the committee are only a small group and are achieving some outstanding results. We are always looking for people who are willing to get in and help out, so if you are interested in assisting the committee in anyway or are interested in becoming a committee member, please come and speak to one of the committee members, we are human and are willing to listen to the issues you have in darts.

Yours in Darts

Andrew Coburn

President Darts Victoria



Secretary report

Carolyn Gilbert

2020 will go down in history as the year that wasn't. It wasn't great, as a community and a sport and a state we missed so much of the things we love – family, friends, outings, sport – but we also gained somethings too.

As secretary of a state governing body, during a pandemic that has severely impacted your sport, it is not an easy time. With so many leagues, associations and affiliates being shut down in a moment's notice, the wide sweeping effect that such a closure had on our players mental health was dynamic and immediate and the financial implications to our clubs was diabolical.

The executive members of Dart Victoria still met every month, albeit via a digital platform. These meetings assisted us in navigating the changing world that is COVID-19 and its diabolical effect on the community not only locally but globally. We were able to respond efficiently and rapidly to changing regulations and restrictions and communicate with our members what these changes were and are meaning for our sport. We worked closely with Department Health and Human Services and Department Sport and Recreation to create a Reboot Plan so that we could open safely and commence play when it was safe to do so. As the Official and only State Governing Body of Darts in Victoria, our plan was approved by all parties and is the Reboot plan that all darting clubs and leagues can refer to across that state whether Affiliated with Darts Victoria or not. Much thanks must go to Karen Breneizeris and Megan Stafford for their hard work and constant governance checking with this document.

Megan Stafford and Andrew Coburn met with Darts Australia via their Delegates Zoom meeting schedule each month to discuss concerns, governance and logistical issues that faced each state across the country. Any information that was beneficial to our members was fed back directly to our Affiliate bodies via email. Massive thanks to Andrew and Megan for attending these meetings.

Moving forward to 2021, our events are slowly starting to return to affiliate clubs and venues, and we are so thankful and proud of the affiliate executive members who guide their members safely back to the clubs. Supporting our Affiliate clubs getting back to Darts safely has always been a priority for Darts Victoria, and we have been able to finically assist affiliate clubs with \$2,000 to help them reopen after such a long lockdown in Metro Melbourne. As the Darts Victoria and Darts Australia Calendar kicks off, we know that there will be changes to the way events are played, regulations and restrictions placed on the state by the Chief Health Officer are continually changing, and we will always do our best to ensure we have the latest information

On a personal note, I would like to thank the executive and members of Darts Victoria for their love and support on the passing of My Mum. Your thoughts, prayers and care have been greatly appreciated. Working with such an amazing group of people on the DV exec, I am blessed to be able to call these people my friends and continue to work hard to empower sport in our beautiful state of Victoria, thanks for standing with me guys – your awesome!

We can't wait to see the smiling faces of our members back at the Oche, and we ask that as you relaunch into the sport we love, be mindful, be kind and be safe

Regards,

Carolyn Gilbert

Secretary, Darts Victoria



Treasures Report

Megan Stafford

As you can probably appreciate, we haven't had a lot of movement in the way of income and payments in the last 12 months, due to the shutdown of darts in Victoria because of Covid-19.

Just before the shutdown, DV brought 20 iPad's to be used in tournaments around Victoria. We are hoping to have them set up and ready to go as soon as we are given the green light to start playing again. We have also purchased iPad stands etc to go along with them.

We received our funding from Bendigo and Morwell (which was used to pay out our winners and any other costs associated with running those tournaments and received another \$20,000 grant from the Victoria government which we will use to improve, support, and introduce our communities to the world of darts.

We also paid our membership to DA as well as other fees that were invoiced to us.

We currently have \$40,316.97 in our bank account with \$23,821.36 of that being funding money (that we will use for promoting the game of darts in Victoria). We have gifted \$8000 to Melton, MDDA, SDL and Geelong, to assist the venues in preparing for the 2021 Dart Year. They will be able to restock fridges, purchase materials such as dart boards, makers, paper, white boards etc and items they will need to be Covid safe moving forward. We are extremely fortunate and grateful to be able to assist our venues in this extremely tough time in Victoria.

Our available balance as of Dec 2020 is \$16,495.61.

Hopefully, we can get back to our great game of darts ASAP

Stay safe everyone

Megan Stafford

DV Treasurer



Women's Contest Director Jenni O'Reilly

Well, what a letdown of a year 2020 turned out to be. We only managed to play 2 tournaments, being the Bendigo 5-a-side and the Victorian Classic at Morwell.

No Championships, no Grand Prix and no Masters all because of COVID.

We were really hoping this year would be better, but it hasn't really started well at all with having to cancel Bendigo 5-a-side because of restrictions and the Committee deciding to put our members health and safety first.

Hopefully, the coming months will see restrictions easing so we can once again enjoy playing the sport we love so much and start to socialise again.

We have another full calendar this year and hope our members will support us by playing as much as possible. We all need to get behind and support all our clubs as we do not want to lose any of them.

Mixed Doubles

Winners J Hadley / B Weening
r/ups A Loch / J Fagg

Ladies' Doubles

Winner: T Kewish / A Morrison
R/ups: S Beasy / J Hadley

Men's Doubles

Winner: J Fagg / A Morrison
R/ups: B Klinge / J Potter

Ladies' Singles

Winner: T Kewish
R/up: J Hadley

Men's Singles

Winner: A Morrison
R/up: J Fagg

In closing I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours in Darts

Jenni O'Reilly

Women's Competition Director

State Coaching Report

With 2020 being planned as a transition phase for our State Coaching Director, RJ McCaw, it has not really worked as originally hoped.

With no information or correspondence being passed on from previous coaching directors, RJ had to start from scratch with documents forwarded on from Darts Australia and we thank Judy Taylor and Betty Hislop for their generous offer to assist and guide us through this rebuilding process.

Darts Victoria hopes that 2021 will see coaching clinics held with the assistance of Darts Australia. These clinics will hopefully see new coaches being accredited that will guide, assist, and support our members from grassroots team members up to our elite players.

The executive of Darts Victoria thanks RJ for taking on this task and look forward to working together in 2021

Due to Covid-19 the Australian Championships and events of 2020 have not been played.

Therefore, the following reports are not available.

2020 Australian Championships

- **Senior Management report from Men's and Ladies Managers.**

2020 Junior Championship

- **Junior Management Team report from Boys and Girls Managers.**

Darts Victoria Men's and Ladies Contest Director Report

Darts Victoria looks forward to more events being held safely and openly during the 2021 season.

Delegates COVID-19 Report – August 2020.

During the month of August, Darts Victoria corresponded with our Affiliates to check how they were coping in lockdown of Metro Melbourne and how they had been affected

The only affiliate that is not listed within Metro Melbourne is Geelong Darts Club, who was able to operate minimally under the guidelines of the CHO of Victoria and the restrictions placed by the State Government.

Southern Dart League, Mornington Peninsula Darts League, and Mountain Dart League did not respond to the correspondence.

Affiliate	Melton Dart Club	
Address	63 Reserve Road, Melton, 3337	
Email	Mdcsecretary01@gmail.com	
Secretary	Julie Hawkins	PH: 0419-005-389

How many leagues play out of your venue? (This is to gauge how many leagues play across our affiliates, it does not matter if they are a DV affiliated league or not)

MDC have 3 nights that play occurs on

Tuesday with 24 Players

Wednesday with 84 players

Friday with 64 players

MDC have 34 paid up members with 11 affiliates members with DV. At the time of data collection, MDC had not played in their venue since 20th March 2020.

The MDC Committee had two committee meetings, 1 face to face and 1 zoom meeting.

MDC had applied and been successful for funding through local, state, or federal agencies to assist with financial costings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

5 Executive or committee members in their association has done COVID-19 training.

MDC had minimal changes to executive or committee members, except for the resignation of the Assistant Secretary

Affiliate	Geelong Ladies Darts Association Inc	
Address	106 Pioneer Road, Grovedale 3216	
Email	cherylballis@hotmail.com	
Secretary	Cheryl Ballis	PH: 0408 438 780

GLDA have 46 members, 33 of those are DV registered players for 2020.

No executive or committee meetings, either face to face or digital were held during the COVID-19 lockdown.

GLDA had not applied for funding through local, state, or federal agencies to assist with financial costings during the COVID-19 Pandemic, but 3 executive members have done COVID-19 training.

Only 1 person has resigned from the Committee during this time.

GLDA as a league have abandoned all games until 2021, especially with the Geelong Dart club being closed, the choice to cancel the seasons play was a wise but necessary precaution.

The executives of GLDA feel that it will take some time to get everyone back to darts as 12 months is a long time to be away from your sport. It will be like starting over again. GLDA feel that possibly with a bit more advertising and maybe trying to encourage some fun games again before the serious competition begins again and maybe ease the weekend tournaments in gradually as a lot of players may have gotten very used to spending the weekends with family

Affiliate	Geelong Darts Club	
Address	Johns St, Corio 3214	
Email	thegeelongdartsclub@gmail.com	
Secretary	Carolyn Gilbert	PH: 0404 227 183
Asst Secretary	Sheryl Birthisel	

How many leagues play out of your venue? (This is to gauge how many leagues play across our affiliates, it does not matter if they are a DV affiliated league or not)

GDC have darts on the following nights

- Premier League on a Tuesday night with 40 players
- Geelong Ladies Darts on a Tuesday night with 26 members (Affiliated association and use GDC as a venue for play)
- Geelong Darts Club Superleague on a Tuesday night with 40 members (affiliated league)

GDC have 112 members with only 2 of those members being DV affiliated. Of those members, 6 of the currently serving committee have done Covid-19 training.

July 2020 was the last time that Darts was played in the GDC venue, with committee meetings being held digitally over facebook. Funding though the City of Greater Geelong was applied for but not successful during the Covid-19 lockdown.

GDC found implementing the COVID-19 Return to Sport Plan within your Association Relatively Straight forward and as a Covid safe venue, implemented safe distancing between boards/players etc, extra cleaning as per Covid back to darts rules. To ensure safety of all patrons and members, GDC also followed the Darts Victoria reboot plan.

COVID-19s impact on GDC has been financially devastating. With no members in the club and no darts or bingo being played, the income stream that GDC relied on had been stopped, however the expenses of being closed – insurance, security, utilities etc. – still had to be paid.

The changes that Covid-19 has made to the darting community will be felt for a long time. Not only financially, but member wise and logistically. Players will have been away from the venue and the sport for almost 12 months, new habits and interests will have been formed, priorities will have changed. As a sport, we need to be able to engage and reboot the sport in a way that encourages players back.

Dart tournaments/leagues/affiliates need to be aware of the shift within the community and work in a collective manner to focus and showcase darts for all skill levels, in this way, we can welcome back players across all communities and skill levels and grow the sport.

Affiliate	Geelong Darts Association	
Address	PO Box 145 Geelong 3220	
Email	geelongdartssecretary@outlook.com	
Secretary	Mark Read	PH: 0422 811 043

GDA have no club facility, therefore, with the Geelong Darts club closed during Lockdown, GDA have had to forfeit their seasons play and have stated they have no registered members for 2020.

The executives and committee of GDA have not met during lockdown, nor applied for funding through local, state, or federal agencies to assist with financial costings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The secretary is unsure but thinks maybe 1 or 2 committee members have done Covid-19 training, which is a great thing for an affiliate to have on board.

GDA did not implement a COVID-19 Return to Sport Plan within the Association due to not having a venue of their own, however when sport does resume, they will adhere to the Covid safe plan of the Geelong darts club and darts Victoria, as a registered affiliate club. COVID-19 has impacted GDA by closing the seasons play, fundraising and major tournament and feel that the sport will lose players/members for a while until a Covid-normal begins to emerge within the community.

GDA feel that it might be a way we can move forward after the Pandemic and reignite the sport of Darts by Lower costs/fees across everything including Memberships, tournament entries etc.